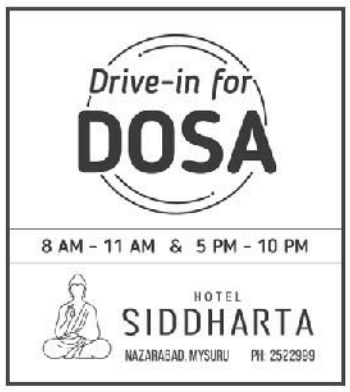

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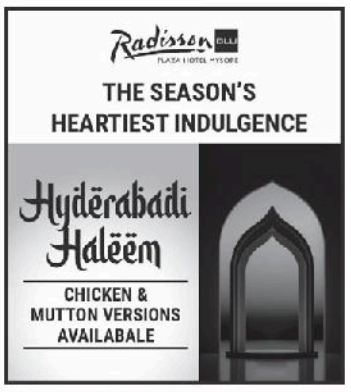


Property Return Parade

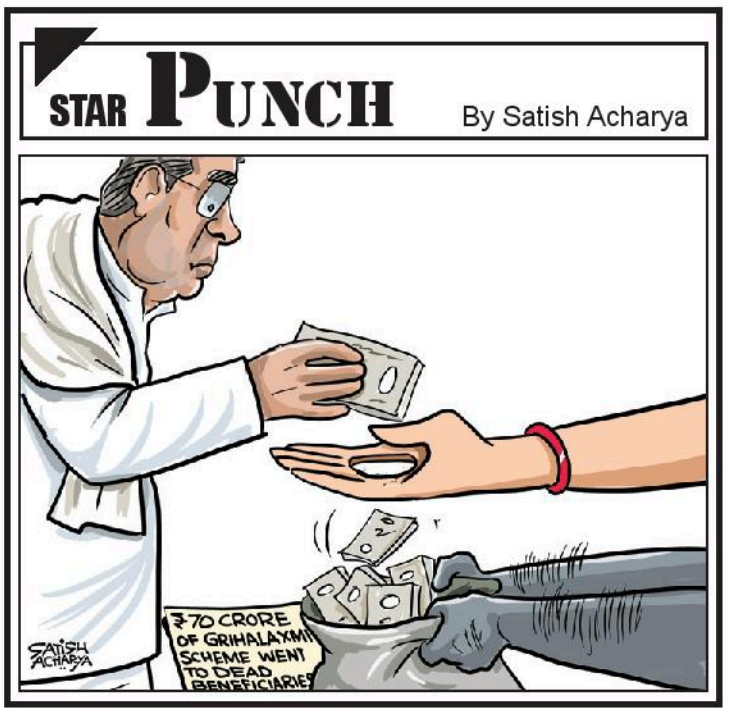
▶ City Police solve 105 theft cases ▶ Valuables worth Rs. 2.96 crore and Rs. 10.03 lakh cash recovered

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar handing over the gold chain to an elderly woman at the Property Return Parade held at the City Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad this morning as DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj, NR ACP K.T. Mathews Thomas and others look on.

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BLU&KS)- The Mysuru City Police held a Property Return Parade at the City Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad this morning, where recovered stolen properties including gold, silver, cash and other items from many cases were handed over to their rightful owners after verifying ownership documents.

Addressing media persons at her Office, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said that the City Police in the last six months have successfully solved various property-related crimes, including one case of dacoity, one dacoity conspiracy case, four cases of extortion, two chain-snatching cases, 26 robberies, nine house burglaries, three theft cases committed by house-helps, 57 incidents of vehicle theft, 4 petty theft cases and one case under Karnataka Forest Act among other cases.

(See PARADE on page 6)



MDA to auction unused land in city layouts

▶ 150 acres of land lie unused in various layouts within city ▶ Rs. 1,000 crore revenue target

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MTY& BCT)- In a bid to boost revenue, the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) has decided to develop housing layouts on all unused land within layouts formed earlier, a move expected to generate over Rs. 1,000 crore.

The MDA has already transferred nearly 700 layouts under its jurisdiction to various Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

Consequently, key revenue streams such as Property Tax, plan approval fees, khata registration and transfer charges, certified copies of records, land acquisition certificates, NOCs and completion reports have declined significantly, affecting its overall income.

This has made it difficult for the Authority to meet routine expenses, including salaries of officers, staff and outsourced workers, pensions, vehicle maintenance and routine office operations.

Recognising the risk to its financial sustainability, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the MDA Chairman, along with MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith and Board Members, is preparing a Master Plan to mobilise financial resources.

Officials have identified around 150 acres of unused land in prime localities such as Vijayanagar (First to Fourth Stage), Vijayashreepura, Dattagalli, Srirampura, J.P. Nagar, Devanur, Rajivnagar, Lalithadrinagar and Hebbal in Mysuru for development.

(See MDA on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 25th February 2026

MYCAS Group enters into MoU with Aarya Hospital

Mysuru, Feb. 25- MYCAS Group of Institutions entered into an MoU with Aarya Hospital, Mysuru, recently.

As per the MoU, Aarya Hospital will be the preferred healthcare service provider to the management, employees, students and their parents and dependents. The hospital will extend 10% discount on all available medical services.

Those present at the MoU signing ceremony include MYCAS Group of Institutions Director (Operations) Dr. G. Ramcharan; C. Archana, Principal, MYCAS PU College; Dr. Ramya, Principal, MYCAS UG College; staff and students of MYCAS College.

Aarya Hospital was represented by Dr. Laxmikanth B. Sannakki, MD, Aarya Hospital and Pranesh, Administrative Officer, according to a press release from the MYCAS Group.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE FUTURE IS WHAT YOU DO TODAY: ***We are, almost always, chasing a milestone and while we wait for our envisioned life to begin, our actual life interrupts: a family crisis, a health scare, an unexpected responsibility. We see these moments as obstacles to our "real" path. But what if they are the path? Real life unfolds in the margins of our plans; as detours, emergencies and sacrifices.***

Tetsugen, a Zen devotee in Japan, set out to collect donations and publish the Buddhist sutras. After ten years, when he finally had enough money to begin, the Uji river flooded. Famine followed. Tetsugen gave away all the funds he had raised to feed the hungry and started over. Years later, an epidemic swept the country. Again, he gave away everything he had collected. He began fundraising for the third time and finally after 20 years he completed the printing. From a narrow perspective, these interruptions delayed his purpose as he repeatedly surrendered his progress. But from a deeper perspective, those interruptions were the real work. The Japanese say Tetsugen produced three editions of the sutras and that the first two invisible ones surpassed the third. The visible achievements are in a monastery. The invisible ones live in the lives he saved.

Recently, we experienced a less consequential scenario. My husband and I left our daughter at the bus stop and came back to get ready for our jobs, meetings, calls and other demands of the day. It so happened that my daughter sat on the wrong bus and even though we were frustrated, my husband had to pick her up and drop her to college. During this hour-long drive they talked about some challenges she was facing and he was able to impart suggestions and advice on how best to overcome them. This conversation, albeit a tough one, was much needed, perhaps more than his presence in the meeting he had to attend.

We may think we are building something for the future. Yet the truest measure of our lives may be found in the moments when we pause our plans of the future to respond to what is urgently human. Sometimes the most important chapters we write are the ones no one sees. And sometimes, the invisible work is the work that matters most as it is felt, abided and not just seen. *—Aditi Pant in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Four-eared kitten becomes a viral star

Alabama: A foster kitten preparing to go up for adoption is gaining viral fame due to a unique genetic quirk: an extra set of ears.

Dobby, a 7-month-old black kitten, was born with an extra set of ear flaps that resemble a second, smaller pair of ears.

Stephanie Brown, who is fostering Dobby for Kitty Kat Haven and Rescue, said the extra ears do not adversely affect the kitten and his hearing is normal. She said his tail is also short and curly. Dobby became an online celebrity after Brown shared photos and videos of the unusual kitten on social media.

Brown said Dobby will need surgery to correct an overbite, but he will soon be available for adoption through Kitty Kat Haven & Rescue.

Shopkins collection breaks record

Mareeba: An Australian woman who has loved Shopkins toys since she was a child amassed a record-breaking collection of 2,656 different items.

Alexa Szerstuk, a resident of Mareeba in Queensland said she fell in love with Shopkins toys when a classmate brought some to school when she was 7 years old. Szerstuk said she started buying her own Shopkins and now has a collection of 2,656 unique items — although her collection numbers more than 4,000 if doubles are counted.

She took the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of Shopkins memorabilia from British woman Rhianna Connors, whose collection was tallied at 2,271 pieces in 2019.

"I love Shopkins because when they were first released there was nothing quite like them on the market, for girls especially. I started collecting in 2014 when they were first released. It was just so exciting to have a pack and find ones you didn't have and see if you'd get a special edition one or even a limited addition," Szerstuk told Guinness World Records.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Stress Alone Rarely Causes Infertility

While stress can affect overall health, most infertility cases have identifiable medical causes that can be treated.

Proper evaluation brings clarity.

By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Excel in National Sports Dance Championship

Mysuru, Feb. 25 - Students of Silicon City International School have won in the Hip Hop dance competition at the 11th National Sports Dance Championship 2025-26 held at Kamban Kalai Arangam Indoor Auditorium in Pondicherry recently.

The event saw participation from dancers across various States competing in categories such as classical, folk, freestyle, hip hop and battle.

The winning team comprised Hanisha, Shashwitha, Chandini, Shikha, Hemanth and Hamsapriya. The team was trained and choreographed by Ashwaq.

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Yesterday's level **114.77 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,272.47 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.09 feet**
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Today's Outflow **4,279 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling and Wake is an annual, dangerous tradition held on the Spring Bank Holiday in Gloucester, England, where participants race down a steep 200-yard hill chasing a 7-9 lb wheel of Double Gloucester cheese. The cheese reaches speeds up to 70-80 mph, often causing injuries to participants, who aim to win the cheese, though it's largely a, "voluntary" event.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A: What do you call a teacher who forgot to take attendance?
B: Absent-minded.

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.92
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 122.92
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.76
1 Euro	= Rs. 107.25

VOICE OF THE READER

Do not crush silencers and damage roads

Sir,

I recently witnessed Mysuru City Police crushing unauthorised motorcycle silencers directly on the road.

While the enforcement action against illegal modifications is welcome, the manner in which it is being carried out raises concerns.

Crushing metal objects on public roads can damage the road surface, which is ultimately public property. Authorities could instead shift the seized silencers to a designated yard, crusher facility or any other suitable location where such disposal would not risk harming the road.

I hope the Mysuru City Police reconsider this practice and explore alternative methods to dispose of confiscated silencers without causing possible damage to public infrastructure.

—Ravi Keerthi
Mysuru
18.2.2026

Mysuru Akashvani to air interview of Master Swimmer

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Mysuru Akashvani will be airing the interview of Master Swimmer R. Nagesh, a resident of Neethi Marga in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru on Feb. 27 at 8 pm in the 'Sandya Raga' programme.

The 81-year-old swimmer has won 5 gold medals and one silver medal in the State-level Competitions and 3 silver and one bronze medal in the National-level Competitions.

R. Nagesh

ASMITA Swimming League on Feb. 28

Mysuru, Feb. 25 - The Association of Integrated Mysore Swimmers, in collaboration with Marlin Aquatic Centre, Mysuru, will be organising ASMITA Swimming League, a dedicated competition for young girls. The primary objective of the league is to encourage girl swimmers at both grassroots and competitive levels, provide structured competitive exposure and strengthen women's aquatics across the State.

The event is being conducted under the auspices of Karnataka Swimming Association in coordination with the Swimming Federation of India, as part of the Government of India's sports development initiatives.

Swimming competition will be held at Marlin Aquatic Centre, No. 335/3, Bogadi Road, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, from 9 am on Feb. 28.

The competition will be held only for girls in various age groups including: **Group 2 (13-14 Years):** 50mts & 100mts Freestyle, 50mts & 100mts Backstroke, 50mts and 100mts Breaststroke and 50mts and 100mts Butterfly; **Group 3 (11-12 Years):** 50mts Freestyle, 50mts Backstroke, 50mts Breaststroke and 50mts Butterfly; **Group 4 (9-10 Years):** 25mts Freestyle, 25mts Backstroke, 25mts Breaststroke and 25mts Butterfly.

Each swimmer may participate in a maximum of four events. **Last date for entries is Feb. 26 before 6 pm.** For details, contact Mahesh on Mob: 96200-76642.

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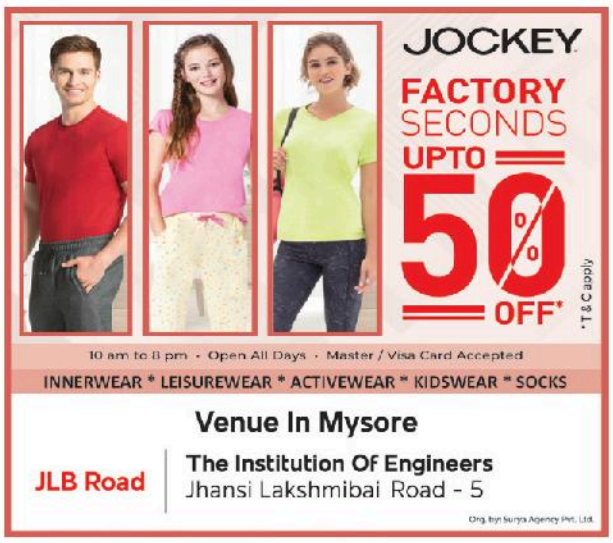
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

On account of underground cable laying works, there will be power disruption in several areas coming under CESC V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division, from 10 am to 5 pm tomorrow (Feb. 26). The areas to be affected are: Kumbarakoppal, Cauvery Layout, Adishakti Temple Road, Mahadeshwara Extension, areas around Jayadeva Hospital on KRS Road, A.K. Colony and surrounding areas.

At Bannur: As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its 4th quarterly maintenance works at 66/11 KV Bannur Power Distribution Centre, there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow (Feb. 26) between 10 am and 5 pm at Bannur Town, Koodagalli, Bisihalli, Hegguru, Atthalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra villages and Gram Panchayat limits.

At H.D. Kote: Owing to electrical works being undertaken under Model Village project at Kyathanahalli in H.D. Kote taluk, there will be disruption in power supply at several villages coming under H.D. Kote Sub-Division from 10 am to 6 pm, for 15-days starting from Feb. 24. The villages to be affected are: Kyathanahalli, Chamalapura, Khandegowdanapura, Kadasur and surrounding areas.

Special pujas and mass feeding

On account of Full Moon Day, special pujas will be conducted and mass feeding (Anna Dasoha) will take place at Basava Marga Foundation's Rehabilitation and De-addiction Centre located at KIADB Housing Society on Hebbal Ring Road, from 6 pm on Mar. 3. For details call Mob: 88033-44999.

Free health camp

Arogya Bharathi, Mysuru, in association with the city's Brindavan Hospital, has organised a free health check-up camp at its office located at No.136, 2nd Main, 11th Cross, Jayanagar from 9 am to 2 pm on Feb. 28. For details and registration contact Mob: 88672-59815 or 98809-13461, according to a press release.

Gambling den raided; Rs. 56,530 seized

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&KS)- Mysuru South Police, who raided a gambling den near Gorur village, have seized Rs. 56,530 stake money besides registering cases against six gamblers.

Following information, the Cops raided the gambling den on Friday and seized the stake amount besides initiating legal action against the gamblers.

Proposed stadium on KSIC Filature Factory land

Prathap Simha vows to block stadium plans

'Livelihood at stake, let's see who builds it'

T. Narasipur, Feb. 25 (BCT)- Former MP Prathap Simha has declared that he will not allow a sports complex or a stadium to be constructed on the historic Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) Filature Factory in T. Narasipur, established by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. "Let's see who comes to construct it," he challenged the Government.

Accompanied by BJP leaders and party workers yesterday, Simha inspected the five-acre land parcel that has been acquired and handed over to the Sericulture Department.

Targeting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, he alleged that despite being in power for several years, the CM had failed to attract industries to the district or introduce meaningful welfare schemes for workers. "Such a person has no moral right to build a sports complex inside a factory established by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar," Simha said.

Former MP Prathap Simha addressing the KSIC employees protesting against the stadium plans at KSIC Filature Factory in T. Narasipur yesterday.

Demand exceeds supply

He noted that demand for silk sarees currently exceeds supply, with customers reportedly waiting for tokens. The unit produces high-quality silk yarn used in premium sarees. Constructing a sports complex within the premises, he warned, would disrupt operations and could eventually lead to the factory's closure.

"I am a sports lover and not against sports complexes. During my tenure as MP, I identified land on the outskirts of Mysuru for an international-level stadium, secured funding and ensured feasibility. But building one inside a silk factory is unacceptable," he said, urging the State Government to withdraw its decision.

Not fit for gully cricket

Simha also questioned the suitability of the selected site. "You can't even play gully cricket there. Where will you pitch the wicket and bowl?" he asked, terming the proposal impractical.

He accused the Government of attempting to jeopardise the livelihood of workers at the KSIC, which he described as an institution that has supported families across communities.

Alleging that no new major industries had been brought to the region, he criticised the Government for spending Rs 5.5 crore to promote Mysore Sandal Soap abroad while, according to him, threatening local jobs.

Referring to Siddaramaiah's modest background, Simha said, workers striving to educate their children deserved protection and security. He added that BJP leaders such as B.Y. Vijayendra and R. Ashoka had spoken about taking Mysore Silk to global markets and termed any move affecting silk workers' livelihoods as condemnable.

Assurance to KSIC staff

Vowing to resist the project, Simha said, "On behalf of the employees, I challenge the Government. Let's see who comes here to build a sports complex. If the Sericulture Department begins work under Police protection, one phone call is enough. I will reach here from Mysuru within 30 minutes with supporters."

He maintained that his opposition was not for publicity but to safeguard the institution founded during the Mysore Kingdom. Calling on workers to rise above party, caste and religious lines, he urged them to unite to protect the factory and their livelihoods.

Expressing confidence that the BJP would return to power in 2028, Simha said, he would revisit the issue then and transform the unit into a "new brand factory." Until then, he appealed to workers to remain united and courageous.

Several leaders and dignitaries were present at the event, including BJP District Vice-President R. Arjun, Senior Advocate S. Arunkumar, leader Totadappa Basavaraju, Senior Surgeon Dr. M. Revanna, Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha President C.M. Prakash and Director Kumar.

Workers' demands must be fulfilled: MP

Mysore Silk sarees are among the most sought-after products and are often worn by politicians, dignitaries and officials and citizens. In this context, constructing a sports complex adjacent to the factory that supplies silk yarn for these sarees is inappropriate. The workers' protest has already drawn the attention of the State Government.

I have written to the Chief Minister urging that the factory be preserved and that improved facilities be provided for the workers. I am hopeful that the Government will respond positively and extend the necessary support. The struggle should continue until the proposal to build the sports complex is withdrawn. The legitimate demands of the working class must be fulfilled. Our support will always remain with you.

—Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MP, Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency

High-level meeting to decide stadium plan fate

T. Narasipur, Feb. 25 (BCT)- Amid protests over the proposed construction of a stadium within the KSIC Filature Factory premises at T. Narasipur, civil works related to the project have reportedly been kept in abeyance pending a high-level meeting between the Departments of Sericulture and Youth Empowerment & Sports.

KSIC Managing Director Zehera Naseem met Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikant Reddy on Monday to discuss the issue.

Sources said, Nirmiti Kendra, which had been assigned the task of constructing a boundary wall for the proposed stadium, has been orally instructed to suspend the work for now.

The transfer of five acres from the 13-acre factory premises, cleared by the KSIC Board of Directors, to Department of Youth Affairs & Sports (DYES) for the stadium project was announced by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the 2025-2026 State Budget.

Flood Fears in Yadavagiri

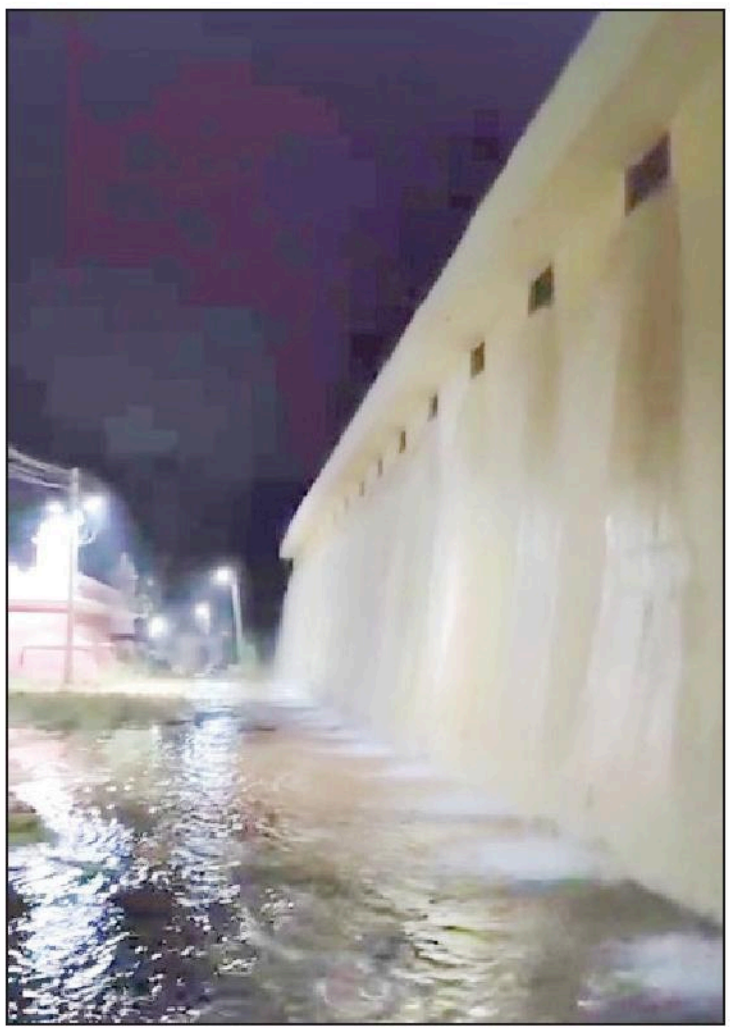
Mysuru, Feb. 25 (MTY&BCT)- Residents of Yadavagiri have raised serious concerns over the safety of the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) High-Level Reservoir at Yadavagiri after two recent overflows that flooded parts of the locality.

Fearing a repeat of the incident, they have urged the authorities of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to take immediate corrective steps and strengthen monitoring at the facility.

The issue came to the fore when water from the reservoir inundated roads, houses and even a hotel in Yadavagiri and along Paramahamsa Road, throwing normal life out of gear.

While officials initially attributed the incident to a damaged pipe, they later admitted at the 'Janaspandana' public grievance meeting, held under the leadership of the Regional Commissioner, that **the on-duty staff had fallen asleep and failed to shut the gate valve in time. They also acknowledged that a valve-related issue needs to be rectified.**

Though termed "human error" by authorities, residents criticised the absence of technological safeguards. They noted that many cities use automated systems that stop water inflow once tanks reach full capacity and questioned why such systems have not been installed here when crores of rupees are being collected as water tax.



A recent picture of water overflowing from the Vani Vilas Water Works High-Level Reservoir at Yadavagiri, flooding the Paramahamsa Road.

Five lakh litres capacity but no safety!

The water reservoir built on the highest point in Yadavagiri has five tanks, each with a capacity of one lakh litres. Two are currently under repair, while the remaining three supply drinking water to nearly 30 percent of Mysuru city.

Despite being a restricted facility, the premises lack proper fencing and a compound wall, making it vulnerable to unauthorised entry.

Residents, along with the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) and the Yadavagiri Residents' Association, have questioned the safety of the drinking water stored there. They have demanded the construction of a compound wall, deployment of security personnel and installation of CCTV cameras.

Fear of contamination!

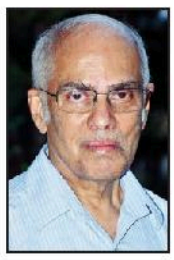
Concerns have also been raised about accountability in case of contamination. "If miscreants were to tamper with the tanks, who will take responsibility?" residents ask. MGP Working President S.K. Dinesh, who is also the Convener of Yadavagiri Residents' Association, has warned that negligence could have serious consequences and called for urgent intervention.

Residents have also flagged the presence of pigeons nesting all along the open water tank windows and their dropping contaminating the water. They have urged the authorities to restrict animal access and install protective mesh over ventilation openings to prevent such risks.

Demand for regular maintenance

They also called for periodic cleaning of the tanks. Just as households clean their overhead tanks and sumps, the Vani Vilas Water Supply Board should ensure systematic cleaning and maintenance of these public reservoirs, they said, stressing that safe drinking water must remain a top priority.

'Tender in process' is always the excuse



"Despite repeated appeals, no concrete steps have been taken to secure the Yadavagiri drinking water reservoir. Four separate public grievance meetings, written representations seeking security measures were submitted to Regional Commissioner Nitesh Patil. Every time we ask for action, we are told that a tender has been issued and is in process. This has become a routine response. There is no sense of urgency. If nothing moves within a week, residents may have to pool funds and take up the work ourselves."

—Bhamy V. Shenoy, Founder-President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)

Security cannot be ignored

"Lack of security at such a vital installation is deeply worrying, especially at a time when threats to public infrastructure cannot be ruled out.

For the past five years, we have been demanding basic protection for the reservoir. Even today, anyone can walk in from either side. There are no gates, no fencing and no security personnel. This is unacceptable as the reservoir supplies drinking water to lakhs of people."

—S.K. Dinesh, Working President of MGP and Convener of Yadavagiri Residents' Association

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TENDER NOTIFICATION -19

(Through Karnataka Public-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited through Karnataka Public-Procurement Portal for the works under General Fund: 2025-26 grant as required from Executive Engineer (Electrical) of the Mysuru City Corporation.

Details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Description	Total Works	Tender Amount (INR)	Date of Publishing on KPP-Portal	Last Date for Submission of Bids	Technical / Financial Bid opening Date
1	Tender Works (KW-1)	04	33.11	20.02.2026	07.03.2026	09.03.2026

Note: Any further Changes/notifications will be published only through Karnataka Public-Procurment portal only and will not release any paper notification.

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Property Return Parade

22 NDPS cases registered; 30.255 kg ganja, 311 grams and 579 milligrams of synthetic drugs seized

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar handing over the keys to the autorickshaw driver at the Property Return Parade in city this morning as DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj and others look on.

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City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar said that a total of 82 accused have been arrested and stolen items including 2.54 kg gold jewellery, 5.312 kg silver articles, 49 two-wheelers, three cars, one Mahindra Thar SUV, two lorries, one goods vehicle, one autorickshaw, Rs. 10.03 lakh cash, 33 kg sandalwood and other items worth Rs. 2,96,36,000 have been recovered.

Saraswathipuram Police

Highlighting a few important cases, she said that Saraswathipuram Police have solved eight burglary cases and one vehicle theft case by arresting two accused and recovering 529 grams gold ornaments, 1.412 kgs silver articles and one two-wheeler worth Rs. 80,50,000.

Kuvempunagar Police

In another major operation, Kuvempunagar Police have solved 13 cases, arrested 10 accused in connection with nine burglary cases, two house burglaries, two cases of thefts by house-helps and recovered 750 grams gold, 960 grams silver, Rs. 9.40 lakh cash, totalling Rs. 63 lakh.

Lashkar Police

Similarly, Lashkar Police have solved three house burglary cases, four vehicle thefts and one gold cheating case valued at Rs. 45 lakh by arresting six accused and recovering 324 grams gold, three two-wheelers and one autorickshaw from them.

CCB Police

The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested seven accused and solved 11 vehicle theft cases besides recovering two lorries, one Mahindra Thar SUV and eight two-wheelers worth Rs. 35 lakh from them.

Vidyaranyapuram Police

Vidyaranyapuram Police have arrested one accused in a house burglary case and recovered 252 grams gold ornaments worth Rs. 25.08 lakh.

Metagalli Police

Metagalli Police have also made significant progress by solving 13 cases including one extortion case, one house burglary case, seven burglary, one theft case by house-help, two vehicle theft cases and one petty theft case and arresting 17 accused. The Police have recovered 73 grams gold ornaments, 447 grams silver, 2 two-wheelers, one laptop, Rs. 63,000 cash, batteries, motors and copper wires worth Rs. 17 lakh.

Vijayanagar Police

Vijayanagar Police have arrested six accused and recovered 63 grams gold ornaments, 2.45 grams silver, 2 two-wheelers, one car, totally worth Rs. 15 lakh.

Mandi Police

Mandi Police have arrested 11 accused in 14 cases and recovered a stolen car, mobile phone and 61 grams silver, totally worth Rs. 13.70 lakh.

Narasimharaja Police

Narasimharaja (NR) Police have also arrested nine accused in eight cases and have recovered 69 grams gold ornaments, four two-wheelers and 33 kgs sandalwood, worth Rs. 12.80 lakh.

Anti-drugs operations

Udayagiri Police, on Feb. 24, have arrested one Varun at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage and have seized 24.485 grams of ganja from him.

In the present year, a total of 22 cases under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act have been registered and 30.255 kgs ganja, 311 grams and 579 milligrams of synthetic drugs have been seized.

Also, 102 drugs consumption cases were registered. Sixteen accused in selling, transporting and storing narcotic substances have been externed from the city.

Also, an arrest warrant has been issued against rowdy sheeter P. Ganesh alias Ganapa of J.P. Nagar under Goonda Act, the City Police Commissioner said.

Appreciation certificates

Appreciation certificates were distributed to Police personnel, who took part in various operations. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP)-Crime and Traffic K.S. Sundar Raj, NR Sub-Division ACP K.T. Mathews Thomas, CCB ACP Mohammed Shariff Rawther, Inspectors and staff of various Police Stations were present.

KSOU financial, administrative lapses

One-Man Panel visits again, intensifies probe

B.A. Patil

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BLU&DM)- Former Karnataka High Court Judge Justice B.A. Patil, who heads the One-Man Committee probing alleged irregularities at the city-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) during the tenure of its previous Registrar, visited the Varsity campus at Muktagangothri on Hunsur Road this morning to continue his investigation.

Today's visit marks Justice Patil's second visit to KSOU in connection with the probe, following his earlier visit on Feb. 18.

The panel was constituted following a complaint by whistle-blower Dr. H.K. Jagadish Babu, a faculty member in the Department of Public Administration and the Secretary of the KSOU Permanent Teachers Association (KSOUPTA), to

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of all State-run Universities.

Justice Patil is scheduled to examine concerned staff, record statements and collect documents related to five specific charges.

These include: Appointment of temporary teaching and non-teaching staff beyond sanctioned strength and changes in designation, opening of allegedly unnecessary regional centres and appointment of temporary Directors, creation of posts without approval from the State Government and the Board of Management.

In addition to the above, he will probe the permission granted to open private study centres and a payment of Rs. 1.71 crore to Virtual Education Trust, New Delhi. The committee has been directed to submit its report within a month.

Background

Alleging corruption and bribery by the former Registrar, KSOU staff had staged a demonstration last year seeking a thorough investigation. The issue was also raised in the State Assembly.

Subsequently, the State Government constituted a One-Man Commission headed by Prof. S.R. Niranjana, former Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University and currently Vice-Chairperson of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), to inquire into the allegations.

In his report, Prof. Niranjana observed that the charges appeared prima facie true. Based on the report submitted to the Government, the Governor constituted a One-Man Fact-Finding Committee headed by Justice B.A. Patil on Jan. 30.

Tobacco Board's meeting on March 2: MP Yaduveer

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BS)- To address the grievances of tobacco growers in Mysuru district, Tobacco Board has convened a meeting on March 2, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

In a press release, the MP stated that the meeting convened at his bidding, will discuss about the prevailing crisis over falling prices in purchasing tobacco and other issues.

The Tobacco Board Chairman, its Executive Director, Indian Tobacco Company (ITC) higher ups and heads of prominent tobacco procuring companies will be attending the meeting, the press release said.

MDA to auction unused land in city layouts

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Layouts will include sites measuring 20×30 ft, 30×40 ft, 40×60 ft and 50×80 ft. Instead of distributing them through the usual allotment process, the MDA plans to auction these sites to secure higher returns.

Officials believe the initiative will not only prevent encroachment on MDA land within the city but also generate substantial additional revenue.

Meanwhile, the MDA plans to establish a new residential layout across about 2,000 acres near Bommanahalli in Yelwal hobli, where sites will be allotted to applicants at affordable rates under the standard distribution model, in accordance with regulations.

For the sites being developed within the city, officials are seeking the Chief Minister's approval to dispose of them through public auction.

The MDA expects to earn over Rs. 1,000 crore from these auctions and Commissioner Rakshith, under the guidance of Chairman Lakshmikanth Reddy, is pursuing the required Government approvals to implement the plan at the earliest.

Rs. 98 lakh lost in fake 'rice pulling' scam

Case transferred to CCB as fraud has inter-State links

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BLU&BCT)- In yet another instance of the infamous 'rice pulling' scam reported in several parts of the country over the years, a man was allegedly duped of Rs. 98 lakh after being promised crores of rupees from the sale of a so-called mystical object.

The victim, Jagadish, a flower decoration professional from Madikeri, has filed a complaint against Shivakumar and Madhu of Mysuru, Iqbal of Bengaluru, Rafeeq of Mangaluru and Hamja Pilyalal of Chennai.

According to the complaint, Jagadish was acquainted with Iqbal, who introduced him to Shivakumar and Madhu. The duo allegedly claimed that they possessed a rare 'rice pulling' article.

It is an object fraudsters typically describe as having magnetic or supernatural properties capable of attracting rice grains and fetching astronomical sums in the international market.

They later told Jagadish that a Chennai-based company was willing to purchase the article, but funds were required to facilitate the deal. He was assured that once the sale was completed, the proceeds running into crores of rupees would be shared among them. Believing their claims, Jagadish agreed to invest money. The accused reportedly introduced him to Hamja Pilyalal at a private hotel in the city to further convince him of the deal's authenticity. Over a period of time, Jagadish paid a total of Rs. 98 lakh.

However, no buyer came to buy the 'magical article' and no transaction took place from the Chennai company as assured. Suspecting foul play, Jagadish approached the Nazarbad Police Station and lodged a complaint.

The City Police Commissioner has handed over the case to the City Crime Branch as the fraud has inter-State ramifications.

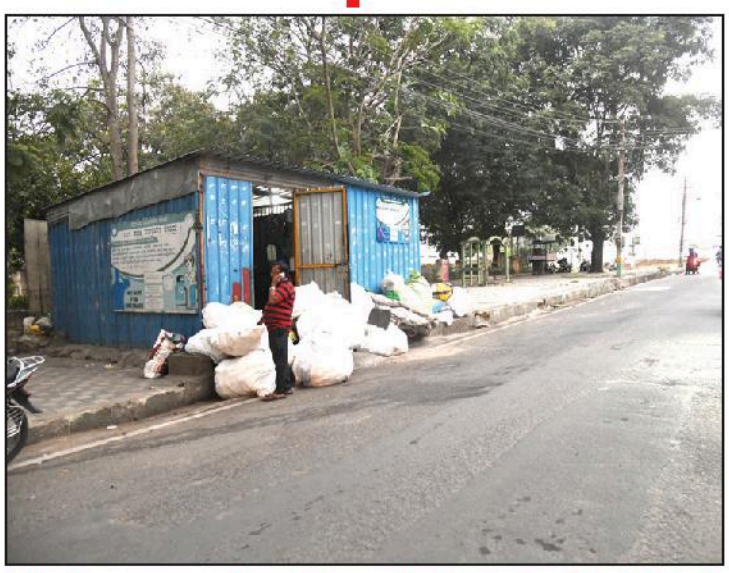
What is 'rice pulling' fraud?

The 'rice pulling' fraud is an elaborate scam in which conmen convince unsuspecting victims that certain copper vessels or metallic objects possess mystical powers to attract rice grains when placed near them.

The objects are often claimed to have been struck by lightning or made of rare metals and are said to carry divine blessings. Fraudsters also convince victims that Goddess Lakshmi will shower prosperity on any household possessing such an object.

Fraudsters typically tell victims that these so-called 'rice pulling articles' have immense scientific value and can be sold to reputed institutions such as NASA or DRDO for astronomical sums running into crores of rupees. They promise hefty returns or even double the invested amount once the purported sale is completed, thereby persuading people to invest large sums of money. In reality, the scheme is a well-orchestrated act of cheating and a deception designed to exploit superstition.

MCC encroaches footpath!



Shed constructed on footpath adjoining Putali Park in Bannimantap for collection of dry waste

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&VNS)- With the number of vehicles in the city increasing by the day, authorities have the responsibility not only to ensure smooth traffic movement on clean roads but also to maintain clear footpaths for pedestrians.

Ironically, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which is tasked with removing footpath encroachments, has itself occupied a footpath in the heart of the city, creating difficulties for pedestrians.

A shed has been constructed on the footpath adjoining Putali Park at Bannimantap for the collection of dry waste, leaving little to no space for people to walk.

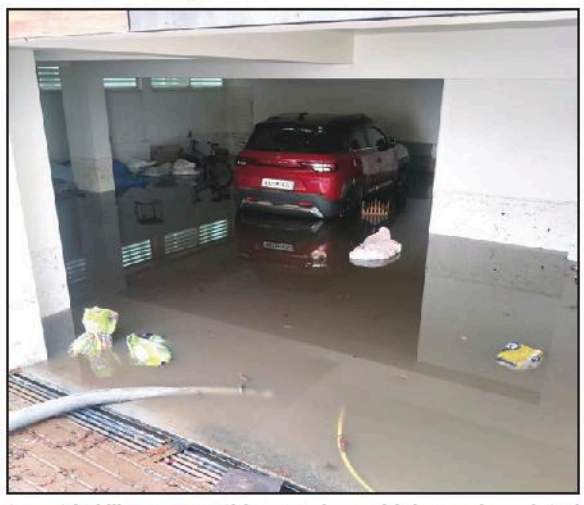
The structure has been built to collect dry waste from Ward 17 and also includes a resting room for Pourakarmikas. While there is adequate space for pedestrian movement in front of the resting room, no such provision has been made in front of the shed.

Meanwhile, pedestrians using the opposite side of the park are also facing inconvenience due to the absence of proper footpaths.

Residents say the MCC should take immediate steps to ensure safe and adequate space for pedestrian movement.

Rain lashes city

IMD predicts rains till Mar. 1 in Mysuru, Kodagu, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts



MCC vehicle draining water from a cellar of an apartment in Vijayanagar this morning, which was inundated due to last night's rains.

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&KS)- Moderate to heavy rains lashed across the city last night dipping temperature a bit.

With sun shining brightly resulting in rising summer temperatures yesterday, it was sure that rains may lash city in the evening or night. Accordingly, rains lashed across the city from 11.30 pm for more than three hours bringing down the temperature.

Following rains, prominent Circles in the heart of the city such as K.R. Circle, Chamaraja Circle, Hardinge Circle and many roads were flooded. As it rained close to midnight, those going to night shifts and those returning to their homes after completing their shifts in factories and other companies suffered a bit to go to their work place and to their houses. Also, rain water entered a few houses in low-lying areas resulting in the residents facing problems.

Meanwhile, a press note from the Weather Station at Organic Farming Research Station in Naganahalli stated that the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted light rains in Mysuru, Kodagu, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts till Mar. 1.

Award ceremony today

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Rotary Mysore Midtown and Shrisainik Foundation will be presenting Rotary Midtown Sainik Desh Rathna Award to Major Bharath Yogendra at a programme to be held at Rotary Children's Library (RCL) Hall on JLB Road here today (Feb. 25) at 6.30 pm. Air Commodore (retd.) R.N. Jayasimha will be the chief guest.

Rotary Midtown President Rtn. K.L. Rakesh Babu and Hon. Secretary Rtn. K.V. Bhaskar Sainik will be present. The award is instituted by Rtn. K.V. Bhaskar Sainik and Ann. G. Madhura of Shrisainik Foundation.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Rules are optional until further notice

Petty corruption is one of those experiences that does not arrive with drama. It slips in quietly, usually at a traffic signal or a government counter and leaves behind a familiar mix of irritation, resignation and reluctant participation. It is almost apologetic in its entry, as though saying sorry for the inconvenience while firmly settling in.

Having spent time as a Special Investigator in the Karnataka Lokayukta and having stood shoulder to shoulder with Team Anna during those intense days of protest, I am still unsure how to describe the feeling it evokes. Anger seems inadequate. Moral outrage feels theatrical. Helplessness comes closest, but even that does not fully capture it, largely because helplessness assumes innocence and that assumption does not always hold.

Our first instinct is to look upwards. The politician and the bureaucrat make for convenient villains and in many cases, they deserve the scrutiny. They are part of the game and often key players. They also happen to be safely distant targets, which makes criticism emotionally satisfying and personally inexpensive.

Yet the uncomfortable question refuses to go away. Are they the only ones playing. Or are we, the ordinary citizens, also participants who prefer not to read the fine print of our own behaviour, especially when the fine print involves waiting, paying or following rules.

Consider the everyday moments that rarely make it to protest placards. A small payment to the local Policeman when caught over-speeding, justified as saving time and avoiding paperwork. The offence is suddenly re-branded as a misunderstanding and the bribe as a service charge. Riding without a helmet because it is inconvenient and negotiating one's way out when stopped, usually with a smile that suggests mutual understanding rather than mutual accountability. Driving the wrong way on a one-way street because everyone else seems to be doing it and therefore it must be correct or at least socially sanctioned. Slipping past a queue because one knows someone inside, which is politely called networking and never favouritism.

Constructing a little extra beyond zoning laws because the neighbour did the same and the building has not collapsed yet. Declining a bill at the shop because it is cheaper that way and GST feels like an abstract idea best left to economists and television debates. Getting a driving licence without even a road test is seen as necessary because the procedure feels cumbersome and a willing driving school arranges the rest.

None of these actions come with grand speeches. They come with smiles, shrugs and the comforting logic that this is how things work and has always worked and will continue to work if no one insists on rules.

This is where petty corruption shows its real genius. It does not threaten us. It accommodates us. It fits neatly into our schedules and our justifications. It allows us to feel clever rather than dishonest. It reassures us that we are not corrupt, merely practical, efficient and well-adjusted to reality. In the process, it turns integrity into an optional extra, like seat belts that can be ignored on short trips, especially when one is confident of one's driving skills and even more confident of one's luck.

Years of investigating corruption has taught me an ironic lesson. Systems do not rot only because of powerful people at the top. They rot because of millions of small compromises at the bottom that slowly travel upward, gaining confidence along the way. Each compromise whispers to the next that rules are flexible and consequences negotiable. When everyone bends the rule a little, the rule quietly loses its authority. What remains is negotiation, discretion and the price of convenience, usually payable in cash and without receipt.

The fight against corruption is often imagined as a battle against others. It is staged in rallies, inquiries and television debates, preferably with raised voices and clear villains. But petty corruption does not retreat in the face of slogans. It listens politely, waits for the crowd to disperse and then resumes business as usual. It retreats only when honesty becomes boringly routine. When paying a fine feels normal rather than heroic. When standing in a queue is not seen as a personal insult to one's intelligence. When asking for a bill is automatic rather than virtuous.

Perhaps the more sustainable approach is not to see ourselves as warriors against corruption but as practitioners of honesty. This is less dramatic and far more demanding. It requires no enemies, only consistency. If enough of us choose to stay honest in small things, corruption loses its most reliable ally, our willing participation. That may not make for a stirring protest, but it just might make for a society that works.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

avant bkg hospitals achieve rare cardiac milestone in 97-year-old patient

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (KS)- avant bkg hospitals, Mysuru, achieved a remarkable milestone in advanced cardiac care by successfully performing Rotablation, angioplasty and deployment of two coronary stents in a 97-year-old patient with a heart attack (Acute Anterior Wall Myocardial Infarction) recently.

The complex high-risk cardiac intervention was carried out by Dr. J. Rajagopal, Chief Interventional Cardiologist, at avant bkg hospitals.

Despite the patient's advanced age and critical presentation, the procedure was successfully done and the patient showed excellent recovery and discharged.

This achievement highlights avant bkg hospitals' commitment to delivering advanced, evidence-based cardiac interventions with precision, safety and compassion — irrespective of age.

Dr. T.N. Balakrishna Gowda, Managing Director of avant bkg hospitals, said, "This milestone reflects the strength of our clinical leadership, infrastructure and teamwork. Successfully managing such a complex cardiac emergency in a 97-year-old patient demonstrates our unwavering commitment to patient-centric, high-quality healthcare. I congratulate Dr. Rajagopal and the entire cardiology team for this outstanding achievement."

Dr. J. Rajagopal, who also spoke, said, "Managing acute AWMI in a very elderly patient is always challenging and requires meticulous planning, precision and team coordination. The successful outcome was possible due to timely intervention, advanced cath lab facilities and the dedicated support of our multidisciplinary team. It is rewarding to see the patient recover well."

CII 'Inspiring Women 2026' Symposium

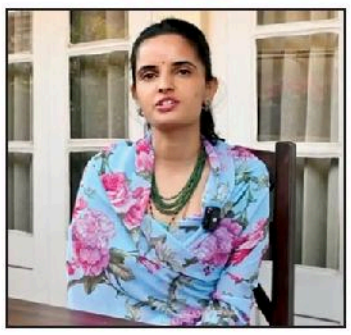
Speakers highlight women's holistic well-being, inclusion

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (BCT)- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Panel, hosted the second edition of 'Inspiring Women to Live Fulfilling Lives 2026' at Infosys campus in Mysuru recently.

More than 200 delegates from the IT sector, academia, healthcare and other industries participated in the symposium.

Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Chairperson of Bherunda Foundation, joined the event virtually. Addressing the gathering, she underscored the need for inclusive conversations in today's fast-paced world.

"Conversations around inclusiveness and supportive work environments are no longer



Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Chairperson of Bherunda Foundation, addressing virtually.

optional; they are essential. Platforms that focus on holistic well-being of women, financial, emotional, mental and physical, are of paramount importance," Trishikha Wadiyar said.

The programme revolved around four core themes. Financial, mental, physical and emotional well-being, offering practical insights aimed at strengthening both personal and professional excellence.

Savitha Mallappa, Convenor of CSR and DEI Panel, noted that India's female labour force participation has risen to about 37 percent, according to World Bank data.

"While this reflects progress, it also highlights vast untapped potential. The Global Gender Gap Report 2024 warns that at the current pace, achieving full gender parity could take over a century. Incremental change is not enough. We must accelerate," she said.

She added that well-being has emerged as a core leadership and business priority. Citing estimates from the World Health Organisation, she said depression and anxiety cost the global economy nearly one trillion dollars annually in lost productivity.

"Financial, mental, physical and emotional well-being are not perks; they are essential enablers of performance, resilience and sustainable leadership," Savitha Mallappa observed.

Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone, said inclusive growth and industrial competitiveness go hand in hand. "As Mysuru evolves as a knowledge and industry hub, organisations must create ecosystems where women can participate, progress and lead with confidence. Such platforms convert intent into structured industry action," he remarked.

Panellists from diverse backgrounds shared insights on financial independence, mental health awareness, preventive healthcare and organisational health frameworks. Discussions focused on breaking stigma, encouraging open conversations and fostering supportive environments that enable women to lead fulfilling personal and professional lives.

The second edition also marked the launch of a Women Return-to-Work platform aimed at connecting women seeking to re-enter the workforce after a career break with industry partners, enabling phased and structured engagement.

From Innovation to Impact...

illuminate in Mysuru sparks conversations on Engineering Intelligence across Frontier Technologies

Mysuru, Feb. 25-***illuminate,*** a flagship public lecture series co-presented by L&T Technology Services Limited and The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, brought together leading experts to share perspectives on frontier technologies and how the ideas are turning to outcomes.

Prof. Navakanta Bhat, Dean, Division of Interdisciplinary Sciences and Professor at CeNSE, IISc and Y. Dilip, Director, ADE, DRDO - Bengaluru, shared deep perspectives and experiences with more than 2,000 strong audience, including engineering students, practitioners and industry veterans.

The keynote sessions explored the latest frontiers of technology — from across Mach 6 speed UAVs to nanoscience and new-age materials.

Prof. Bhat spoke about the

latest transformations and breakthroughs in the field of biosensors and deep tech innovations and his journey toward establishing the National Nanofabrication Centre (NNFC) in IISc.

Dilip shared the inspiring story of steering the Stealth Wing Flying Test Bed (SWiFT), India's first autonomous flying-wing Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) demonstrator and the steps being taken toward strengthening the nation's aerial defence capabilities.

In a subsequent fireside chat, moderated by Ashish Khushu, Chief Technology Officer, L&T Technology Services, the speakers delved into the growing impact of AI-embedded solutions and nanotechnologies in reshaping real-time outcomes.

The panel also deliberated how young engineers today can find their calling in emerging technologies, underscoring Engineering Intelligence (EI) as a vital link between AI and its widespread adoption across intelligent systems that self-optimize, adapt and evolve through reasoning.

Amit Chadha, CEO and Managing Director, L&T Technology Services said, "This year's illuminate highlighted that resilience and determination in the face of challenges will enable technologies that reshape national excellence. Advancements across aerospace defence and nanotechnology are positioning India at the forefront of global engineering and AI landscape."

Prof. (Dr.) Nagendra Parashar, Principal, NIE, observed,"illuminate, 4th edition is a testament to our long-standing collaboration with LTTS. Through this initiative we aim to bridge the traditional industry-academia divide and provide young engineers with a clear direction and motivation."

T20 ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP INDIA & SRI LANKA 2026

TODAY'S MATCH [FEB. 25]

Sri Lanka Vs **New Zealand**
Venue: R. Premadasa Stadium, Colombo
Time: 7 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES [FEB. 26]

West Indies Vs **South Africa**
Venue: Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad
Time: 3 pm

India Vs **Zimbabwe**
Venue: M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai
Time: 7 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS [FEB. 24]

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WORD OF THE DAY

Rapscallion

Pronunciation: rap-SKAL-yun (noun).
Meaning: The word rapscallion refers to someone who causes trouble, often in a mischievous way. It appears in the same sorts of contexts as rascal and scamp.
Origin: The word rascal has been part of English since the 15th century, but it apparently failed to fully capture the disagreeable nature of the wily knaves of yore: by the 16th century, English speakers had expanded rascal to rascallion. But it seems that even that term didn't sound quite mischievous enough. Eventually, rascallion was further altered, resulting in the snappier, plosive-enhanced rapscallion. And although rapscallion has zero connection with scallion, it does add a figuratively spicy kick to one's speech, not unlike chawbacon and other cheeky insults that may be of interest and use.
Example: "Charlie Brown evolved into a world-class underdog. 'Originally, Charlie Brown was a bit of a rapscallion, a bit of a wiseass,' [Chris] Mautner said. 'There is a certain point, after a year or two, when he starts to become the butt of jokes, when he starts being a lonely kid. Once [Charles] Schulz hit upon that, Charlie Brown got it pretty bad for a long time.'" — Jim Beckerman, The Record (Bergen County, New Jersey), 9 Oct. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Raisonneur

Person in a play or book embodying author's viewpoint.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Round of drinks

Meaning: The phrase 'Round of drinks' is usually said on someone who purchases alcoholic beverages for a group of people.
Origin: The tradition of buying a "Round of drinks" — where one person buys for the group, with the expectation of reciprocity — is a long-standing British and Commonwealth (Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada) custom, likely originating from 19th-century pub culture to foster camaraderie, ensure fairness and manage bar traffic. It was designed as a practical, social, and, at times, economical way to manage drinks in a, pub setting, ensuring each person pays roughly the same amount.
While precise origins are undocumented, it evolved from traditional hospitality, with strong roots in 19th and early 20th-century British pub culture.
Example: It's my birthday! The first round of drinks is on me!

QUOTE BOX

We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter, but our common humanity matters more.— **Bill Clinton**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

STREAM

Answer: Streamlined.

SUDOKU

	6		8					
	3		1				2	
					2			7
3			2	6		1		
	9						3	
		8		4	1			2
9			5					
	5				8		1	
					6		4	

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	9	2	6	5	7	8	3
7	2	5	4	8	3	6	9	1
8	3	6	1	9	7	5	4	2
4	5	7	8	2	9	3	1	6
3	6	1	7	5	4	9	2	8
2	9	8	6	3	1	4	5	7
5	7	4	3	1	2	8	6	9
9	8	2	5	7	6	1	3	4
6	1	3	9	4	8	2	7	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

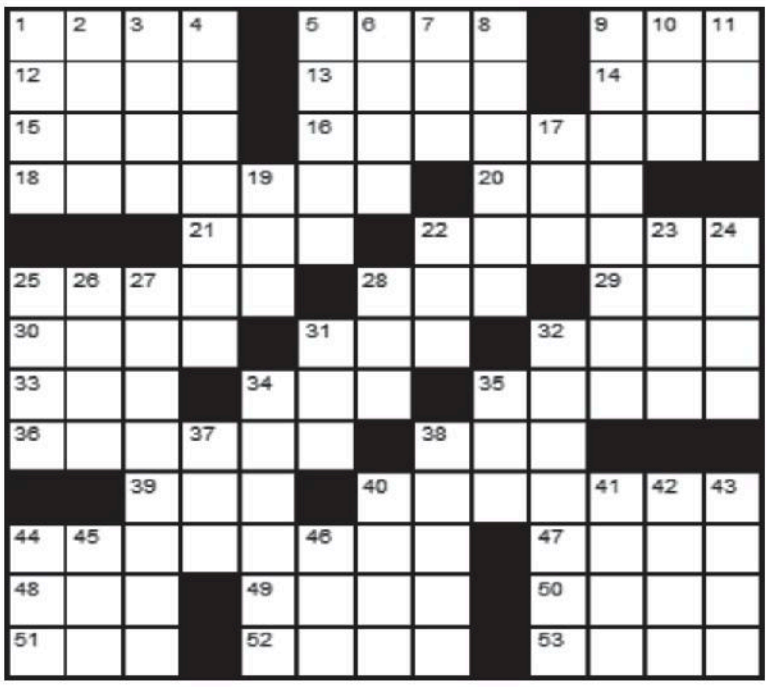
1. A North Scandinavian
5 __ Mangeshkar : her playback singing is legendary?
9 Plastic type
12 Asian sea
13 Ever and ___ : every now and then
14 Angle-of-attack
15 Antitoxins
16 Clarinet or oboe
18 North Indian state
20 Managed
21 Abstract being?
22 An officer of the church
25 India's first P.M.
28 Tooth-bearing bone
29 Freezing
30 Greek letters - "seat" changed?
31 Did possess
32 Poker stake
33 An informal sailor
34 Steal from
35 Narrow minded person
36 German prison camp
38 Wear it to keep warm
39 Louse egg
40 Lacking any purpose
44 Bandage
47 Part of the eye
48 Debtor's letters
49 Animal's den
50 Pheasant's nest
51 Map dir.
52 Hard to grasp
53 ___ out : makes last longer ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	I	O	R	■	W	E	B	■	E	O	I	N
I	D	E	E	F	I	X	E	■	N	U	N	S
D	O	N	S	■	G	E	L	A	T	I	N	E
I	L	E	U	M	■	R	A	G	A	■	■	■
■	■	■	M	E	A	T	■	E	I	D	E	R
■	O	G	E	E	S	■	O	■	L	A	M	B
S	P	A	■	T	I	E	R	S	■	M	M	I
K	A	L	I	■	S	■	A	T	S	E	A	■
A	L	A	M	O	■	B	L	O	W	■	■	■
■	■	■	P	U	R	R	■	A	E	R	I	E
M	I	N	U	T	I	A	E	■	R	I	N	K
S	M	O	G	■	V	I	V	A	V	O	C	E
L	A	W	N	■	E	D	E	■	E	T	A	S

DOWN

1 Strike violently at or against?
2 Scope or range of an activity or a study?
3 A young salmon
4 Contestants
5 Mowed grass areas
6 Wild ox of Celebes
7 In addition
8 Former England all-rounder
___ Flintoff
9 Van Gogh work
10 __ Trapp: Sound of Music family
11 Bounder
17 Cerumen
19 Music director Malik
22 Not at all happy
23 Eight as a prefix
24 Russian no
25 Fishing aids
26 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
27 Tirade
28 Poke or push
31 Glutton
32 Type of transport company
34 Child's plaything
35 American hobo or vulgar backside
37 Debussy heroine
38 Impetuous; intensely
40 Seed coat?
41 French composer ___ Satie
42 Faction
43 Nav. readings
44 Be in a horizontal position, more or less
45 Charged particle
46 Abu Dhabi locale



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DH DJZMNOMYVDLCA OR MHQA ZM NU ZVJRZUB PCUH

OZ VUXUDQR RMGUZCOHY BORYVDKUSJQ. D GDH PCM

YOXUR D YMMB DKKMJHZ MS COGRUQS OR LVMNDNQA

QAOHY, ROHKU DHA QOSU PCUH XOUPUB SVMG ZCU

OHROBU OR ROGLQA D RUVOUR MS BUSUDZR.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Animals are such agreeable friends, they ask no questions, and they pass no criticisms.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

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  Second Case of Seetharam (K) - 2; *Alpha: Men Love Vengeance (K)* - 2
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Bharathi Teacher (K) - 1 Show; *Ghilli (Ta)* - 3 Shows
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  O' Romeo 3 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Goat (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 2.35 pm, 4.50 pm
Shatak: Sangh Ke 100 Varsh (H)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
Do Deewane Seher Mein (H)	(S-1)	9.45 pm; (S-2) 10.05 am
O Romeo (H)	(S-2)	12.55 pm
February 30 (K)	(S-2)	4.40 pm
Assi (H)	(S-2)	7.15 pm, 10.05 pm
Second Case of Seetharam (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 7.15 pm
Alpha: Men Love Vengeance (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Maarnami (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Hey Balwanth (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.10 pm
Suri Anna (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm, 9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Maarnami (K)	:	1.25 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	1.30 pm
		7.45 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.30 pm
Alpha Men Love Vengeance (K)	:	4.30 pm
		7.30 pm
February 30 (K)	:	4.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Assi (H)	:	10.25 am, 4.30 pm, 10.20 pm
O' Romeo (H)	:	10.55 am, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 9.40 pm
Alpha: Men Love Vengeance (K)	:	11 am, 7.20 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	11.25 am, 7.25 pm
Goat (E-3D)	:	11.50 am, 7.15 pm
Shatak: Sangh Ke 100 Varsh (H)	:	11.50 am, 2.20 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.20 pm
Maarnami (K)	:	1.15 pm
Suri Anna (K)	:	2 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	2.05 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	2.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Weapons (E-2D)	:	4.30 pm
February 30 (K)	:	4.50 pm
Second Case of Seetharam (K)	:	4.50 pm, 10.05 pm
Tu Yaa Main (H)	:	7.05 pm
Wuthering Heights (E)	:	9.30 pm
JC: The University (K)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Shatak: Sangh Ke 100 Varsh (H)	:	11.25 am, 4.30 pm, 6.10 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	12.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Alpha: Men Love Vengeance (K)	:	1 pm, 4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	1.25 pm, 6.50 pm
Second Case of Seetharam (K)	:	1.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Maarnami (K)	:	2.55 pm, 9 pm
Amruthaanjan (K)	:	7 pm
O' Romeo (H)	:	10.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 25)

- **Fashionavya:** Lifestyle Expo, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU):** 8th Convocation, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Chancellor of JSS STU, presides, B.M. Jayeshankar, Chairman and Managing Director of Adarsh Group, Bengaluru, who is also a distinguished alumnus of the college, delivers Convocation Address, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, administers the Oath for the graduands, Dr. B. Suresh, Director, Technical Education Division; Dr. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar and Dr. P. Nanjundaswamy, Controller of Examinations, along with the Deans, will be present, JSS STU premises, JSS Technical Institutions Campus, **3 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore Midtown and Shrisainik Foundation:** Conferring of Rotary Midtown Sainik Desh Rathna Award on Major Bharath Yogendra, Air Commodore (retd.) R.N. Jayasimha chief guest, RCL Hall, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Mysuru:** Abhiyenthararu National Theatre Festival, Dr. H.C. Boralingaiah, Chairman, Karnataka Janapada Parishat and former Vice-Chancellor, Hampi Kannada University, inaugurates the Festival, Shashidhar Bharighat, Member, Ranga Samaja, V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Kannada & Culture Department and Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Kannada & Culture Department, chief guests, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Rama Krishna Shiva' based on Lohia's articles by Karavali Nirdiganta. Directed by Ganesh Mandarthi, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

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Feb. 25: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Tala-Maddale 'Bhakta Shiromani Sudhanva' by Dinesh Bhat, Narayan Hebbar, Ga.Na. Bhat, Dr. G.L. Hegde and Prashant Benkatavalli, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar**, 6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 26)

- **Indian Dastkaar Handloom & Handicraft Haat:** Exclusive exhibition on Handlooms, Handicrafts & Lifestyle products, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre:** India's Energy Security — March towards Viksit Bharat @ 2047, Dr. Suresh H. Jangamashetti, Vice-Chancellor, Haveri University, Senior Member IEEE and Fulbright Alumnus, distinguished speaker, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Raasavrunda:** Dance for Pancharatna Kritis of Thyagara by students of Raasavrunda in memory of late Saraswathamma and Dr. Radha Nanjundaswamy, dance direction by Vidu. Nandini Eswer and Rohitha Eswer, music by Dr. Suknya Prabhakar, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Mysuru:** Abhiyenthararu National Theatre Festival, Kannada Play 'Shunashyepa' by Oddolaga Rangaparyatana, Uttara Kannada. Written by Nisargapriya. Directed by Manjunath L. Badiger, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

O' Romeo (H)	:	11.55 am, 6.15 pm
Shatak: Sangh Ke 100 Varsh (H)	:	1 pm
Alpha: Men Love Vengeance (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Second Case of Seetharam (K)	:	2 pm, 7.25 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	3.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Maarnami (K)	:	4 pm, 10 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	4.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Assi (H)	:	4.35 pm, 10 pm
Hey Balwanth (Te)	:	7.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Second Case of Seetharam (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.45 pm, 10 pm
Sarala Subbarao (K)	:	11.25 am, 2 pm, 7.35 pm
O' Romeo (H)	:	11.40 am, 5.55 pm
		9:30 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	11.45 am, 3.10 pm
		7.20 pm, 10 pm
Doddanna Puttanna (K)	:	2.25 pm
February 30 (K)	:	4.25 pm
Suri Anna (K)	:	4.45 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	6.40 pm
Hey Balwanth (Te)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Educators Conclave in city on Mar. 1

Mysuru, Feb. 25- Following the grand success of the previous T360 Educators Conclave 2025 held in Bengaluru, Teacher360 will be presenting its next flagship event, the **T360 Educators Conclave Mysuru 2026,** centred on the theme 'New Age of School Wellness.'

The Conclave will be held on Mar. 1 at Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC) in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru.

The Conclave will bring together school leaders, educators, edupreneurs and policymakers to explore progressive leadership models that strengthen holistic school ecosystems in an era of rapid transformation.

The Conclave is jointly organised with Teacher Tribe and the National Education Foundation (NEF). It is mentored and chaired by G. Balasubramanian, a distinguished voice in the field of education.

The keynote address will be delivered by Prof. M.S. Krishnan from the Ross School of Business, Michigan, USA, who will be in Mysuru for this special programme.

Also speaking at the Conclave will be noted edupreneur Aisshwarya DKS Hegde (NEF) and renowned quizmaster and Harvard alumnus Giri Balasubramaniam, popularly known as Pickbrain.

The event will feature keynote sessions, panel discussions and collaborative forums designed to equip institutions with actionable strategies for advancing school wellness in a rapidly evolving educational landscape.

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